Leytonstone, Wanstead & District Philatelic Society

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Hello again, everybody! Welcome back to another year with the Club. We have a well-filled programme (very many thanks to Rod Crump). An intended meeting on 28th March 2016, scheduled as 'Favourites from your Collection' had to be set aside when it was noticed that it clashed with Easter Monday *(so early!)* However, can we perhaps encourage members to bring along some new item or small thing that you think might interest the rest of us, say (briefly) at the beginning of normal meetings? What do think of that as an informal addition to our regular programme?

We have now been elevated more or less permanently to the roof-space, or Forest Room as it calls itself. Though this change caused some initial concern, the larger space is proving in many ways an advantage, so that by now we have become well adapted to it. Meetings, it is pleasing to report, were generally very well attended, even in the depths of winter – do try to be there this year too, especially when we have an outside speaker.

The last Bye-Post was issued only in April, so relatively little has happened since then, and this newsletter will therefore be brief. But in the meantime the Spring Fair and the May auction were each a notable success (thanks as always to Roy and his helpers and to all involved in the Auction, which this time ran very smoothly). Roy has asked fit members if they'll give him a hand next time in setting up and clearing away before and after the Autumn Fair which is on 10th October.

On 27th April Tony Hoad visited us again and put on a goodly showing of some 'lesser' British colonies, in particular the Falkland Islands, Antarctic and more tiny, far-flung islands.
Our AGM took place in May – no significant changes were proposed, and most of the present serving officers were re-elected, including President, Secretary and Chairman. Only one gap remains following the departure of Steve Roberts, whom we thank warmly, as assistant Packet Secretary. Rod has generously agreed to continue on a partial basis *for this year only* in the hope that by that time a replacement for Steve will have come forward. Therefore the packet service will continue for a while, but on a somewhat reduced basis.

The new programme commences on Saturday 12th September. First up is an all-members' session. All are invited to show material on themes or countries beginning with 'B'. You can or need not say anything about your exhibit, which can be of any size and class, depending on how many members bring stuff along. Last year's letter 'A' produced only 5 contributions – can we urge as many of you as possible to show us your wares – 'B' for Belgium, Birds, Bermuda, Buses, Beetles, Boxing, etc – don't be shy, anything you like!
Thereafter we can look forward to our Autumn Fair in its usual venue, and to the usual variety of speakers at the Wanstead House meetings.

So, here's wishing you all health, wealth and a hugely successful collecting year.